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Karen:

The EPA has been attempting to monitor the progress of the bankruptcy to custodial trust conversion and the VCP Application process without getting immersed in the process. The EPA is disappointed as I am sure the PRP Group and TCEQ are for the time it has taken to address the Custodial Trust and VCP Issues and which are still not fully completed. The EPA believes it will be complete with its actions by mid-June unless the EPA decides to perform the hydro-cleaning of the ASTs, if determined necessary. The EPA prefers that the hydro-cleaning, if determined necessary, be completed by the PRP Group. Additionally, the EPA anticipated that we would be able to go through a solid transition while EPA was still working so that no stoppage of work would occur which would lend itself to continued potential vandalism and illegal dumping. As you know, there still remains a significant amount of work to assess the extent of contamination as well as well as cleanup actions that remain to be completed.

The EPA has also been coordinating with local residents and local organizing groups since it started its actions in September 2014. The EPA has forged a very good working relationship. It is clear that the residents and organizing groups do not want to see a similar type of industrial operation at this location. They have suffered enough with the former CES operations and the resulting spills and odors emanating from the site after CES went into bankruptcy. The residents and organizers have requested that the site be cleaned up to residential standards to facilitate the future use of the site for residential or commercial purposes that benefit the neighborhood. The EPA expects a future use to be compatible with the surrounding land use which is primarily residential and educational. Therefore, EPA supports the on-site cleanup to residential standards.

If you have any questions, please contact me
Thanks,

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